DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND I—Excise Department.

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 2,500 under Demand I—Excise Department for the purchase of country cots for the Excise subordinates working in the malaria tracts of Devicolam and Kottayam.

There has been a virulent attack of malaria in some of the regions within the Kottayam Excise division and the Devicolam range. Certain remedial measures were taken to protect the subordinates of the department from the ravages of the disease. Quinine was given and spraying operations were conducted to relieve to some extent the sufferings of the people. Mosquito-nets were also supplied. It has been found however that the lack of cots for these men to sleep on has aggravated the seriousneses of the disease because they have to sleep on damp floors. It is therefore proposed to provide country cots for the subordinates of the department and for that purpose this demand for Rs. 2,500 is being made. I request the House to vote the Demand.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 2,500 under Demand I—Excise Department, was put to vote and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND II—Electricity & Telephone.

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 4,300 under Demand II—Electricity and Telephone.

Towards the close of last year, the Electrical Engineer to Government on special duty was given an extension of three months to continue the work for which he was put on special duty. Because it was thought that his work will be completed within three months it was not considered necessary to have any special allotment to meet his travelling allowances and contingencies to his staff. On the expiry of three months it was found that his period on special duty should be extended by a period of another 6 months, that period beginning from October. Since funds provided in the Electricity Budget under this head were not sufficient to meet the T. A. and the contingencies to his staff, this amount of Rs. 4,300 is now asked for. I request the House to vote the Demand.

Mr. Paul A. Thallath: ആ സ്റ്റെഷ്യൽ ജോലിയുടെ വിവരങ്ങൾ എന്തെല്ലാം എന്നു പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

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